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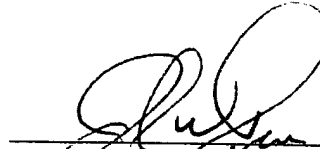
The newly-drafted claims provide an alternative definition of the invention and are within the scope of the original application.

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/280,363. It is requested that the references cited in the prosecution of the parent application be considered in the prosecution of this divisional application, and accordingly these references are cited on the attached form PTO 1449. The relevance of those references was set forth in the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 09/280,363.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

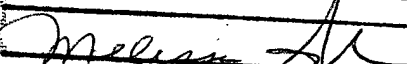
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